

City of Lawrence
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Allen Humphrey, Mandy Enfield, Sue Hack
MEMBERS ABSENT: LaRisa Chambers, John Blazek
STAFF PRESENT: Derek Rogers, Roger Steinbrock, Lee Ice, Drake Bailey
PUBLIC PRESENT: Doug Blair

- I. Meeting called to order by Humphrey
- II. Election of Officers - Since there was only three of five members present Humphrey asked the members if it would be better to postpone the election until next month. Enfield and Hack agreed. Hack moved to postpone the election until the February meeting. Humphrey seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- III. Approval of Dec 12, 2017, minutes by Hack and seconded by Enfield. Motion carried 3-0.
- IV. Highlights/Concerns
Enfield shared information on a camp for girls to empower them in leadership that she had run across and wanted to pass the information along to the programmers as a potential summer camp.
- V. Grant Update
Steinbrock reported notification was received that we did not received the \$1500 Walk USA grant for way-finding signage. Rogers said a meeting would be set sometime in the near future for the LiveWell grant that was discussed last month for trail signage. Rogers also said he was scheduled to attend the Kansas State Historical Society's meeting in February to see if we would be awarded the grant to repair the mausoleum roof.
- VI. By-Laws Update
Steinbrock reported he had met with Humphrey, Enfield and Rogers regarding by-laws to create a draft. Shortly after the meeting the City Manager's office sent out a template for the by-laws. Steinbrock said he would get a meeting together to discuss the template version and how it differed from what had been drafted.
- VII. Staff reports
 - A. Recreation Update
Ice provided an update of programs including, the Special Populations performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Ice said he was told by several

people it looked to be the biggest attended performance to-date. Ice also mentioned the ice skating in Watson Park brought back memories for many and that it was well received and received media attention. Ice also said Jo Ellis, recreation instruction supervisor, had planned a number of fitness and dance demonstration classes prior to the start of the winter session for people to tryout a class before enrolling. Ice then said most programming would begin to crank up mid-January.

B. Parks/Golf Course

Rogers talked about the ice in Watson Park and gave thanks to the Utilities Department for helping to get water in the park. Rogers said the reason it was done was due to the forecasted 10-day stretch of below-freezing weather. He also talked about the comments we had received regarding the Downtown lights. He said the main area of lights would remain up until February.

C. Marketing Report

Steinbrock Introduced Drake Bailey, a senior at the University of Kansas, interning with the department this semester. Steinbrock said we'd be starting the production of the 2018 Summer/Fall Activities Guide that will be released in April.

VIII. Public Comment – Doug Blair wanted to express the need for a senior rate at the golf course, as he is on a fixed income as a retiree. He was very complimentary of the department, including the parks, trails and programs offered.

Meeting adjourned. Next Advisory Board meeting scheduled for noon, Tuesday, February 13, 2017.